

Oral report by Mr Abias Huongo, Chair of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

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Thank you Mister Chair for giving me the floor, to report on the work of the LEG to the SBI. This is the first SBI session following the extension of the mandate of the group at COP 21 in Paris. My report will therefore focus on the work programme of the LEG that we developed at our meeting held in March.

Mr. Chair,

In the spirit of implementing the outcomes from Paris, I am glad to inform you and the Parties that we developed a vision to guide our work in supporting adaptation in the LDCs, which reads as follows:

“Support by the LEG by 2020 of the achievement of demonstrable results in building adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change in the LDCs; formulation of robust and good-quality NAPs and implementation of priority adaptation needs identified therein with funding from the GCF and other sources; and the existence of a well-structured adaptation planning process in the LDCs”

This vision, as well as our expected results reflecting the long-term success of our work, is elaborated in the LEG 29 report.¹

Our work programme for 2016–2017 contains activities around: overall support to NAPs including accessing the Green Climate Fund; NAPAs and the LDC work programme; gender and vulnerable communities, groups and ecosystems; regional approaches to adaptation planning; ways to explore synergy with national efforts under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and other initiatives; and the mandates related to the Paris Agreement. It also covers collaboration with other bodies under the Convention; and the engagement of regional centres and networks, and relevant organizations.

Mr. Chair,

I would also like to provide brief highlights on some of our major upcoming activities:

¹ Document FCCC/SBI/2016/7.

A **NAP Expo** will be held from 11 to 15 July 2016, here in Bonn, under the theme “*Advancing National Adaptation Plans post-Paris*”. It will consist of two days of specialized NAP related events organized by the LEG and different organizations, and three days of plenary and breakout group sessions where participants will deliberate on ways to advance NAPs. Registration for the event is open until 30 May 2016 and more information can be found by sending an e-mail to napexpo@unfccc.int.

We will kick start a round of regional **NAP workshops** in the second half of the year to advance the formulation and implementation of NAPs. As our standard practice, the group will engage a wide range of partners, including the GCF, GEF and its agencies, NAP-GSP, regional centres and networks and other active players in respective regions.

As mandated by the COP, we are actively **working with the GCF to explore ways to support the LDCs to access funding for NAPs**. The NAP Expo and NAP workshops are some of the key channels through which we are exploring ways on how to reach out to the LDCs and provide information on accessing funding for NAPs.

Many features of **NAP Central** are now fully operational: for example, NAPs from three Parties have been uploaded on the system, and country Portals are ready for use by countries to manage their work.

The group is currently preparing a **technical paper** on gaps and needs related to technical support for the LDCs on adaptation post Paris.

The LEG is also working with the Adaptation Committee to address specific **mandates contained in decision 1/CP.21 relating to the operationalization of the Paris Agreement**.

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More details on these and other activities are available in the LEG 29 report, document FCCC/SBI/2016/7.

To conclude,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Timor-Leste for hosting our 29th meeting, and the Parties that continue to provide financial support for our work.

I thank you Mister Chair, and thank you all for your attention.